

FOCAL POINT

Looking forward to a successful fall



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

September marked a month filled with a great potential for future economic development, given the numerous inquiries we received from corporations interested in moving to Frisco. It is exciting for me to speak to these company representatives and to tell them why Frisco is such a great place to live and do business. We have a great team of city staff, elected officials, volunteers and residents building a well-balanced community that is the envy of other communities around the country. Thank you for your continued support and being part of our city!

I want to personally thank all those young men and women who applied to be part of the Mayor's Youth Council for 2011-2012. Every single application represented outstanding students. It's good to see our youth interested in being involved in our community. The committee that chose this year's participants had a difficult time selecting only 44 members. I hope to see those who were not chosen this year apply again next year. Look for some great things from the Mayor's Youth Council in the near future.

Ruff Range is almost here! I want to thank all the community volunteers who worked very hard over many years to bring this newest park to Frisco. If you have not figured it out, Ruff Range is a dog park, dedicated to dogs and their owners. The dedication is on Sunday, October 2.

I want to especially thank Sarah

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Frisco adopts \$83.4 million budget, new tax rate

The City of Frisco's tax rate will be \$0.461910 per \$100 of property value for the next fiscal year. This tax rate is a slight decrease from the previous \$0.465.

The average home value for FY 2012 is \$288,978, which is a 0.83% increase over the previous year's average home value of \$286,599. That means the average homeowner's annual tax bill will essentially stay the same.

During September 20 City Council meeting, the Frisco City Council voted to adopt a \$83.4 million General Fund budget for FY2012. Most notably, the new budget allows for the construction and staffing of a seventh fire station.

The new budget allows for the City of Frisco to add 25 new positions including 21 firefighter/paramedics for Fire Station No. 7; a property and evidence specialist for the Police Department; a warrant officer to serve Municipal Court; two managerial positions for the IT Department and three part-time water safety aides for a new program provided by Parks and Recreation. Fourteen full time and three part-time positions remain frozen.

"We're very proud our staff was able to deliver a balanced budget, while decreasing the tax rate slightly and providing for the construction of Fire Station No. 7 and the staff required to run it," said Mayor Maher Maso. "We are grateful staff managed to balance the budget without going into reserves. Our staff continues to reduce their budgets without significantly reducing the quality of

service we provide our residents supported by one of the lowest tax rates in the region."

For a third year in a row, cost cutting measures included maintaining reduced department budgets and holding positions vacant.

The city's property tax value is certified at \$14,117,671,884, which represents a 3.346% increase from the previous year. This increase includes \$382 million in new construction and \$61 million in increased value of existing properties.

Sales tax receipts are estimated to be \$22.75 million in FY2012, which is five percent more than the \$21.67 million the city anticipates collecting for FY2011. Year-to-date sales tax revenues are currently 8.2 percent more than the prior year. City staff forecasts the number of building permits will range between 1,200 to 1,500 for FY2012 and will generate an estimated \$5 million in revenue resulting from permit fees for the next fiscal year.

Aside from the construction of Fire Station No. 7, Frisco will begin or continue construction on a variety of capital projects including roadway and thoroughfare improvements to Eldorado Parkway, Rolater Drive, and Stonebrook Parkway. Such improvements also call for installation of traffic signals and arterial street lights throughout the city. More than \$25.1 million in



Doggone fun! Ruff Range Dog Park opens October 2

Let your dog run and play 'off-leash' when Ruff Range – the City of Frisco's first dog park -- officially opens Sunday, October 2. Ruff Range is part of B.F. Phillips Park on 4th Army Memorial Drive, near the intersection of Teel and Lebanon. The park features two sections -- an area for small dogs and another area for dogs weighing more than 30 pounds. There's even a place for four-legged friends to wipe their paws before going home.

Join us for the grand opening at 2 p.m. on October 2 with a giveaway for your pet (while supplies last). Visitors attending the park opening during this time should park in the B.F. Phillips parking lot, and shuttles will take them to the dog park. Visitors should approach the parking lot by taking Stonebrook Parkway and turning south on 4th Army Memorial Drive, or by taking Teel Parkway and turning east on Timber Ridge Drive. There will be no access to the dog park event from Lebanon Road. 4th Army Memorial Drive will be closed between Lebanon Road and B.F. Phillips Community Park between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The shuttle bus will run between 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

parks and hike & bike trail improvements are planned including Ruff Range Dog Park, which is included in the second phase of development of B.F. Phillips Community Park.

In addition to ongoing improvements of various trails

and neighborhood parks, staff will continue development of Phase 1 of Grand Park, which will be a 275 acre regional park located generally west of the Dallas North Tollway, east of Legacy Drive and generally, north of Stonebrook Parkway.

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Last Town Hall Meeting of 2011 will again feature telephone format

Want to be "in the know" about the latest projects happening in the City of Frisco? Then City Hall is the place to be Monday night October 17 at 7 p.m. for the final Town Hall meeting this year. Come meet Mayor Maher Maso and the Frisco City Council, department directors and staff at the City Hall Council Chambers located inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

Frisco residents are also invited to call in. The next town hall meeting will again feature a telephone format like the prior two meetings held in

March and June this year. The telephone format allows residents to join the meeting from the convenience of their homes.

During the first half hour, city staff will give presentations to the audience sitting in the council chamber. Beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m., the 'telephone' format of the Town Hall meeting will begin and callers can ask questions as well as listen in. The phone number to join in the meeting will be published on the city's website, FriscoTexas.gov, by Friday, October 14. Frisco's

registered voters will also receive a phone call Monday night, October 17, inviting them to join the meeting.

For those who cannot make the meeting or miss the chance to call in, you can view the presentation by going online to **FriscoTexas.gov/townhall**. The meeting will also be broadcast on the city's cable channel, FTVN, which airs on Time Warner digital cable channel 16, Grande Cable Channel 12, Verizon FIOS Channel 37, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99 or online at **FriscoTexas.gov/FTVN**.

MAYOR

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Perham for bringing together so many of our residents for a common cause. Sarah has worked tirelessly to make Frisco a better place and has volunteered her time to work with our Parks and Recreation Department to make sure Ruff Range is a park we can all be proud of. I can't thank Sarah without honoring Barney, her

Black Lab, who inspired Sarah to advocate for Ruff Range. Barney passed on a few years ago, but his memory continued to motivate Sarah to rally residents for a dog park. Thanks Barney! Next time your dog says "Ruff", he may be asking to go to the new dog park!

Speaking of something else opening in October, the new Costco will open October 22! Judging from the numerous calls and e-mails I've received on the subject, I know our residents are excited about this grand

opening. Costco is located on the southeast corner of Eldorado Parkway and the Dallas North Tollway. I hope to see you October 22.

Meanwhile, progress is moving rapidly on the new physician-owned hospital in Frisco. The \$83 million hospital, Forest Park, will open in mid-2012 and will feature four-stories, 128,000 square feet of hospital space and a five-story parking garage. I look forward to seeing Frisco's newest hospital become operational in the near future.

By now, many of you have read the news our newest council member, Tim Nelson, is being deployed to Afghanistan for at least nine months beginning November 1. Tim is a captain in the U.S. Army reserves and has served our country for more than 22 years. Since his election, Tim has dedicated his time and energy in

working with the rest of our City Council to make Frisco a better place. On behalf of our council and residents, I want to thank Tim for his service to our country and wish him a safe return. We will keep Tim and his family in our prayers during this difficult time.

In closing, I want to encourage our residents to visit our website at **www.friscotexas.gov** and sign up for the city e-mail news alerts or volunteer to help our community. Frisco uses technology to communicate with our residents and I hope you will consider joining our social media feeds, YouTube page, **www.FriscoTexas.gov/YouTube**, and/or e-mail lists.

**Regards,
Mayor Maso**



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Watch the Frisco Television Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day -- including Frisco City Council meetings -- online. Go to **FriscoTexas.gov/ftvn**.

Registration underway for 2011 Frisco Community Parade; Deadline November 4 at 5 p.m.

Join the fun and get your school group or community organization signed up to march in the 2011 Frisco Community Parade, happening Saturday, November 12.

Beginning at 11 a.m., parade participants will start at Pizza Hut Park, travel east on Main Street through historic downtown before finishing at North County Road. This year's theme is "Heroes".

The deadline to register to participate is Friday, November 4 at 5 p.m. Registration is available online only at FriscoParade.com. Click on the 'registration' link. Payment is administered through Pay Pal after the participant submits the registration form.

Parade registration fees are \$150 for non profit and youth organiza-



tions and \$200 for business and professional organizations. Proceeds from the parade entry fees support student scholarships distributed through the Frisco Education Foundation.

The Frisco Community Parade is held in November to mark Veterans Day and celebrate community pride. The parade features floats, school marching bands, high school football teams, cheerleaders, drill teams, scouts, civic organizations, youth sports teams, Frisco-based professional sports teams, and local businesses.

The City of Frisco is also looking for volunteers to help with staging and monitoring crowds along the parade route. To volunteer, please e-mail volunteer@friscotexas.gov.



The Frisco ISD Transportation Department won the Grand Marshal's Award in 2010 for transforming a school bus into the USS Frisco battleship.

Councilman Tim Nelson deploying to Afghanistan

City Councilman Tim Nelson, a Captain in the US Army Reserve and a 22 year Army and Iraq war veteran recently received orders for his reserve unit to deploy to Afghanistan on November 1, 2011. It is expected that Councilman Nelson will be deployed for at least nine months.



After receiving the orders, Nelson said, "The timing is unfortunate. There is no better way to say it. There is a lot of work to do here in Frisco. That being said, when I am called to serve, whether it be my country or my community, I am 100% committed to the mission at hand. While I cannot participate in council activities while I am on active duty, you can be sure I will be serving Frisco in a different capacity. My focus right now is to complete my mission in Afghanistan, return safely to my wife Candace and our three children, and then re-dedicate myself to serving the citizens of Frisco. I have spoken with my fellow council members, the mayor, and the City Manager, as well as many citizens, and I want to thank them all for their unwavering support."

"Councilmember Nelson is an integral part of our team and we will miss his contributions and vision in helping shape our community's future over the next several months," said Mayor Maher Maso. "We understand he'll be serving not only Frisco, but our nation, in a much greater capacity. We appreciate his service and wish him a safe return, while keeping the Nelson family in our prayers."

"The United States military is no longer equipped to carry on its mission without an operational Reserve force," said Lt. Col. Wyatt A. Lowery, Commander, 980th Engineer Battalion. "It's civilian leaders such as Capt. Nelson who bring a force multiplier to the fight. National Guard and Reserve soldiers bring additional capabilities and talents to their military role that cannot readily be found within the active component."

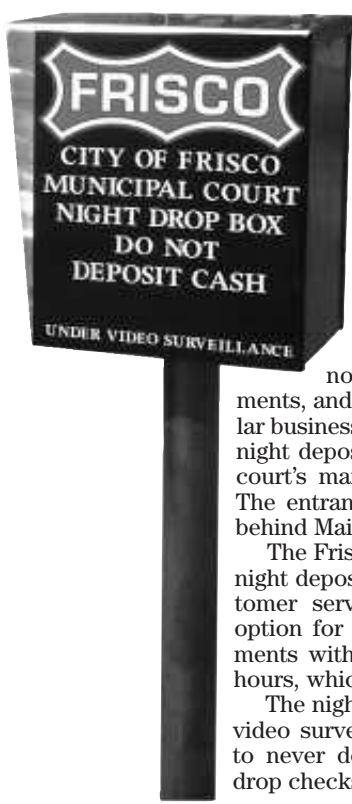
Councilman Nelson currently serves with the 980th Engineer Battalion, Austin, TX, as the Assistant Operations Officer. His unit is responsible for vertical and horizontal construction, route clearance and route reconnaissance missions in support of combat operations.

After hours drop box available at Frisco Municipal Court

The Frisco Municipal Court is now able to accept paperwork, payments, and filings outside of the court's regular business hours thanks to a newly installed night deposit box. The box is located at the court's main entrance at 6865 Main Street. The entrance is on the side of the building behind Main Street.

The Frisco Municipal Court purchased the night deposit box to increase its level of customer services by providing a convenient option for handling citations or filing documents with the court after regular business hours, which are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The night deposit box is well lit and under video surveillance, but customers are asked to never deposit cash into the box. Please drop checks and cashier checks only.



2011 Champion Tree Competition underway; Arborfest celebration to be held October 22

Is there a champion growing in your yard? Frisco Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for the 2011 Champion Tree Competition. Winners will be announced during this year's annual Arborfest Celebration on Saturday, October 22. The event will be held at Frisco Commons Park, 8000 McKinney Road, beginning at 9 a.m. The celebration will end with the ceremonial tree planting.

Categories for this year's tree competition are English walnut and Bradford pear. All entries must be on private property and located within the Frisco city limits.

Download an entry form from the city's website at FriscoTexas.gov/SpecialEvents. Look for the Arborfest listing.

Entry forms are also available at the Frisco Parks & Recreation administrative offices located at 6726 Walnut St. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline for contest entries is Wednesday, October 19 at 5 p.m.

Winners of the 2011 tree competition will receive plaques to display in front of their champion trees.

Arborfest is sponsored by the Frisco Urban Forestry Board and the Frisco Parks & Recreation Department. The Frisco Garden Club will also be taking part in celebration.

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate

1 - Coit Road (Main Street to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a four-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction begin: 4/2/2012

2 - Custer Road [FM 2478] (Stonebridge to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete divided roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, and signals. Contractor is constructing southbound Wilson Creek Bridge and concrete paving southbound lanes. Construction end: 4/2/2012

3 - CR 710 [Sanctuary Drive] (Peaceful Lane to Rogers Road)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt/gravel roadway with a two-lane concrete roadway. 95 percent plans under review by city staff. Easement acquisition is in progress. Construction begin: 10/21/2011

4 - Eldorado Parkway (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing four-lane divided concrete roadway to a six-lane divided roadway from Preston Road to Hillcrest Road and from Fragrant Drive to Custer Road and widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a six-lane divided concrete roadway from Hillcrest Road to Fragrant Drive. Project includes paving, drainage, sidewalks and signals. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction begin: 1/2/2012

5 - FM 423 [Middle] (Stewart Creek to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete divided roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Austin Bridge & Road is completing paving of southbound lanes and preparing the sub-grade for the northbound lanes north of Main Street.

Construction end: 9/4/2012

6 - FM 423 [North] (Eldorado Parkway to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided, concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, signals and lighting. Final design plans are anticipated to be submitted to TxDOT in fall/Late 2011. TxDOT has begun right of way acquisition. Construction begin: 9/4/2012

7 - Independence Pkwy. (Main Street to Northern City Limits)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Easement acquisition is ongoing. Construction begins in September. Construction end: 6/1/2012

8 - Lebanon/Dallas North Tollway Intersection (Starwood Drive to 1,100' east of DNT)

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the DNT. Final design plans under review by city staff. Right of way and easement acquisition is in progress. Construction begin: 1/3/2012

9 - Legacy Road (Warren Parkway to Lebanon Road)

Scope: Widen the existing four-lane divided, concrete roadway to a six-lane divided, concrete roadway and reconstruct intersection at Lebanon Road. Intersection and additional lanes are complete. Contractor is completing lighting and landscaping. Construction end: 9/30/2011

10 - Main Street [FM 3537] (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided, concrete roadway. Project includes paving,

drainage, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Right of way acquisition and utility relocations are ongoing. Construction begin: 3/5/2012

11 - Miscellaneous Pavement Rehab (Meadow Creek & Grayhawk)

Scope: Street pavement removal and replacement for Talley Lane and west end of Shadybrook in Meadow Creek and Polo Heights Drive in Grayhawk from Spirit Falls Drive west. Talley Lane and Shadybrook Lane re-opened to traffic on Monday, August 22, 2011. Construction end: 10/28/2011

12 - NTTA - Sam Rayburn Tollway (SH 121)/Dallas North Tollway Interchange

Scope: NTTA construction of direct connectors to existing three-level interchange. NTTA contractor is hanging bridge beams and has begun pouring bridge slabs. Construction end: 1/31/2012

13 - Preston Road [SH 289] (Main Street to US 380)

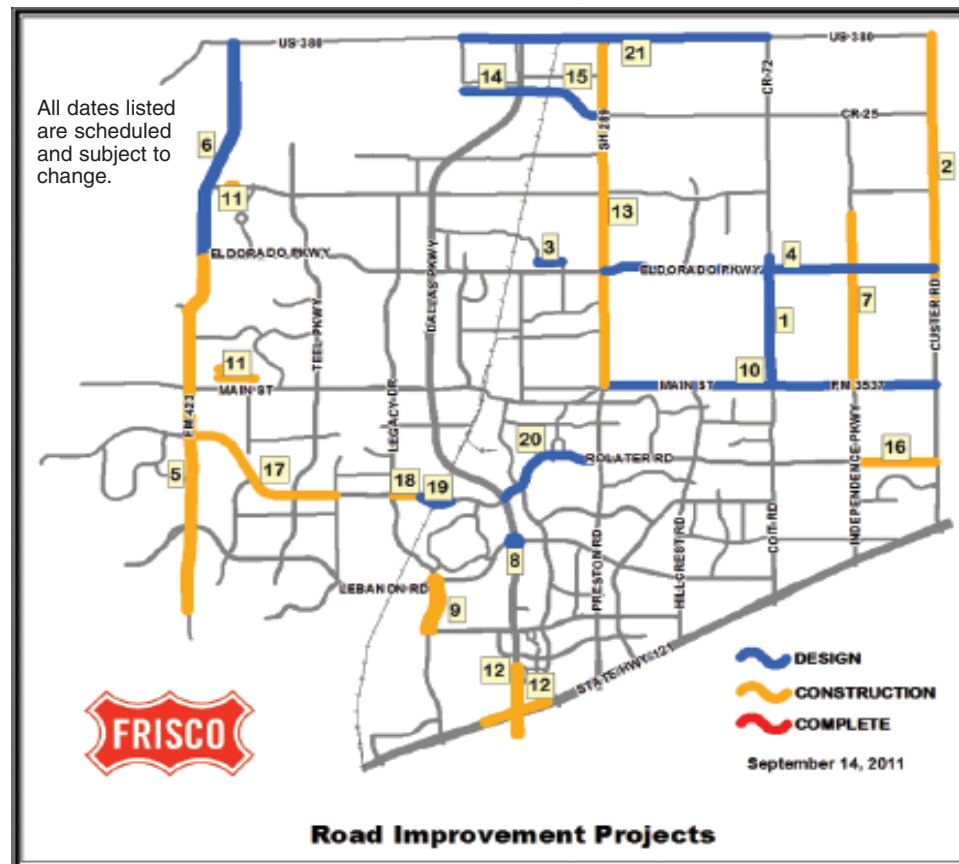
Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided, concrete roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Contractor, Mario Sinacola, has begun work on the southbound lanes south of Eldorado Parkway. Construction end: 2/1/2012

14 - Rockhill Road (CR 26 to Dallas Parkway)

Scope: Construct a new six-lane divided, concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Right of way and easement acquisition in progress. Construction begin: not scheduled

15 - Rockhill Road (Dallas Parkway to Preston Road)

Scope: Construct a new six-lane divided, concrete roadway including a bridge over the BNSF Railroad. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, land-



scaping and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Right of way and easement acquisition in progress. Construction begin: not scheduled

16 - Rolater Rd. (Independence Parkway to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided, concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, bridge, sidewalks, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Traffic was switched to the northbound side of Rolater Road on 4/22/2011 so Sinacola can finish the box culvert and pavement repair on the eastbound lanes. Construction end: 10/31/2011

17 - Stonebrook Parkway (FM 423 to 4th Army Memorial Dr.)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided, concrete roadway from FM 423 to Teel Parkway, and widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided, concrete roadway from

Teel Parkway to 4th Army/Memorial Drive. Project includes paving, drainage, wastewater, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Pavement repair work in progress at the intersection of Stonebrook Parkway and 4th Army/Memorial Drive. Landscape work not complete due to inclement weather. Construction end: 9/16/2011

18 - Stonebrook Pkwy. (Legacy Drive to Fighting Eagles)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided, concrete roadway including a bridge over Stewart Creek. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, signals, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Project is 90 percent complete. Construction end: 11/4/2011

19 - Stonebrook Pkwy. (Fighting Eagles to Longhorn Trail)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided, concrete roadway including a bridge under the BNSF

Railroad. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. City staff is reviewing final plans. US Army Corps of Engineers permit comments addressed and returned for further review. Final plans under review by BNSF Railroad to issue permit. Construction begin: 1/16/2012

20 - Stonebrook Pkwy. (Dallas Pkwy. to SH 289 [Preston Rd.])

Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to six lanes. Design is complete. Easement acquisition is in progress. Construction begin: 2/14/2012

21 - US 380 (CR 26 to Coit Rd.)

Scope: Widen the existing five-lane roadway to a freeway section including frontage roads and grade separated intersections at Dallas North Tollway and Preston Road. Conceptual design is 95 percent complete. Construction begin: not scheduled.

Treasure hunt more than a contest; chance for family fun!

The 2011 "Frisco is a Treasure: Hunt for Fun" contest was a family adventure for the winning contestant, four-year-old Jaden Hugo of Frisco. He went on the hunt around town with big sister Haley, mom Christine and grandparents Dale and Pixie Denham, in town from Ohio.

The contest gave Frisco residents and people from other North Texas cities, or even farther away, a chance to visit some of Frisco's fun locations to earn stamps on their treasure map.

Contestants had to visit at least eight of the 12 locations on the treasure map between August 11 and August 28 to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. The destinations were Dr Pepper Ballpark, home of the Frisco Roughriders; Dr Pepper Arena and two of the teams that play there – the Texas Tornado hockey team and Texas Legends, Frisco's NBA D-league team; Frisco Athletic Center; Frisco Heritage Museum; FieldhouseUSA; Pizza Hut Park and four of the city's public art pieces. The 'I Spy Art' stops were at Frisco Fire Safety Town, Frisco Public Library inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, Frisco Discovery Center and the Frisco Convention Center.

Just a few of the prizes Jaden Hugo won in this year's treasure chest included Roughrider, FC Dallas and Texas Tornado game tickets, four tickets to the NCAA Division I Football Championship at Pizza Hut Park on January 7, 2012 and tickets to a Selena Gomez concert, courtesy of Radio Disney AM 620.

This was the third year for the August contest and the second time the Hugo family participated. Christine Hugo said her favorite parts of the hunt were watching her kids



The treasure box winner for the 2011 "Frisco is a Treasure: Hunt for Fun" contest is Jaden Hugo, posing here with big sister, Haley Hugo and mom, Christine Hugo.

have fun at Frisco Fire Safety Town and seeing some of Frisco's public art collection. "I was impressed with the glass art piece inside the Frisco Convention Center," said Hugo, referring to "Celebration" by Jim and Mary Lynn Bowman.

The Denhems said the treasure hunt allowed them to really see the place where their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren live. "I couldn't believe all the fun things Frisco has to offer its citizens," said Pixie Denham. "I'm very impressed with the [Central] Fire Station and Frisco Fire Safety Town."

Jaden also enjoyed visiting Frisco Fire Safety Town and the library, but big sister Haley enthusiastically summed the Hugo's experience the best: "I had great fun!"



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Kids ages 4-12 should bring their bikes and
helmets for fun activities and bike safety with the
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HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

October 3

- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

October 4

- Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, Conference Rm 5A, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m. (public session starts at approx. 6:30 p.m.)

October 10

- Friends of the Library, 4th Floor, Frisco Public Library, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 7 p.m.

October 11

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) Meeting, TBD, 11 a.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

October 12

- Housing Trust Fund Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

October 13

- Parks & Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

October 18

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m. (public session starts at approximately 6:30 p.m.)

October 19

- Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting, 6801 Gaylord Pkwy., Suite 400, 6 p.m.

October 20

- Arts of Collin County Meeting, (ACC), City of Allen, 4 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation Board Meeting, Conf Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

October 22

- Urban Forestry Board, Frisco Commons Park, 8000 McKinney Rd., 8:30 a.m. (2011 Arborfest Celebration at 9:00 a.m. follows Urban Forestry Board meeting)

October 24

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Frisco Police Dept., 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy., 7:30 p.m.

October 25

- Heritage Assoc. of Frisco Meeting, Lebanon Church Building, 6321 Page St., 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

October 26

- Board of Adjustments Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6 p.m.

October 27

- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Board Room, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:45 p.m.
- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX (NTMWD Office) 4 p.m.

More info at FriscoFun.org

Merry Main Street Vendor and Sponsorship Opportunities

Calling all vendors for the 21st Annual Merry Main Street! This event is Frisco's longest running special event and officially rings in the holiday season for our community. More than 12,000 people attended the event in 2010. This year, the event is scheduled for December 3 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Simpson Plaza at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.



Many organizations look forward to this event as one of their largest fundraising opportunities each year. Booth space is limited, so please submit applications early. Organizations who are interested in becoming a vendor can download the Vendor Packet found online at FriscoMerryMainStreet.org. The application deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, November 4.

Local businesses may also take advantage of the sponsorship opportunities available. We will work closely with you to create a package that helps you reach your target audience which gives you maximum exposure at the event.

Merry Main Street is designed to provide holiday enjoyment for the entire family with a focus on children's entertainment and activities. Some of the activities include: the Kid's Holiday Store, Santa's Workshop with arts and crafts, photos with Santa and three stages of holiday music by Frisco elementary school choirs.

For questions regarding sponsorship opportunities or how your organization can be involved as a vendor, please contact Cara Harting at 972-292-6522 or CHarting@FriscoTexas.gov.

Rock n' Roll '50's Style at 2011 Mother Son Dance



Theme: Twistin' the Night Away
Saturday, October 8
Wakeland High School
Dance times: 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

There's still time to get tickets to the 10th Annual Mother Son Dance. This year's theme is Twistin' the Night Away. Moms and sons are encouraged to wear formal attire or dress in fifties-era fashion to get into the mood of the evening. This fun and memorable evening will include great music including some golden oldies. After you're all shook up from dancing, rest and enjoy light refreshments.

Two dance times are available.

Ages are recommendations only; however, you must attend the dance time for which you purchase tickets.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (ages 4-7)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. (ages 8-12)

Tickets are \$12 per person and \$15 for non-residents. Both mother and son will need a ticket. All tickets purchased online must be picked up at the Frisco Athletic Center by 7 p.m. on Friday, October 7.

Tickets may be purchased online at FriscoFun.org or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln. during the following hours:

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-9

p.m.
Saturday, 6:30
a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m.-5:30
p.m.

Note about ordering tickets online:

In order to purchase tickets online, you must have an account with a Login ID and Password set-up in advance. If you already have an account, but have forgotten your Login ID and Password, or if you need to create an account, log on to FriscoFun.org, choose the 'Classes' tab and click on

Pick up your tickets at the FAC by 7 p.m. Friday, October 7!

the online registration link.

Scroll down and follow the instructions on how to get started. It may take up to 48 hours to receive a Login ID and Password once a new account has been requested. Please call 972-292-6600 if you have any questions regarding your account.

For more information about the event, visit our website at FriscoFun.org or contact Kari FitzPatrick at KFitzPatrick@FriscoTexas.gov.

Frisco Parks and Recreation hosts family event featuring fitness, fun

Get your move on, and join us at the Frisco Athletic Center (FAC) Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we Celebrate Fitness and Fun in Frisco! This free event, designed by the Parks & Recreation Department and presented by Centennial Medical Center, will feature several ways to stay active and have fun with your family, as well as provide tools to help you live a healthy lifestyle.

Centennial Medical Center and 360 Chiropractic will offer free health screenings. FAC trainers will help you get ready to meet your fitness goals with free fitness assessments, and the American Red Cross will have its mobile unit onsite for those who wish to donate blood.

Join us for program exhibits and interactive demos of classes offered through the Parks & Recreation Department. You can also visit with the various class instructors and vendors inside the FAC. Plus, find out how you can get your name into a drawing for

prizes just by visiting with vendors!

The Indoor Aquatic Center will also host the Pumpkin Splash Patch from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. This fun event is open to children ages 2 to 10 years old. See the article on this page for more information.

Step outside the FAC for even more fun with an obstacle course bounce house for kids. Boys and girls ages 4 to 12 are also invited to bring their bikes and helmets for the bike rodeo with the Shawnee Trail Bike Club. Kids will participate in fun activities and learn about bike safety.

The FAC parking lot will feature a classic car show sponsored by Frisco veterans with support from the Morning Maniacs. Frisco Police and Frisco Fire staff will also be onsite to provide safety tips for the entire family.

The Frisco Athletic Center is located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane. For more information on this event, please call 972-292-6600 or email FriscoFun@FriscoTexas.gov.

SPLISH-SPLASH THE FAC POOL BECOMES A PUMPKIN PATCH



Begin your quest for a Halloween pumpkin at the Pumpkin Patch Splash, which will be held at the Frisco Athletic Center Indoor Aquatic Center on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children 2 to 10 years of age should come wearing their swimsuit for this holiday hunt. Participants will splash and swim in the water to find their perfect pumpkin in the pool, decorate it and take it home.

Registration is \$12 for Frisco residents and \$15 for non-residents. Price includes a pumpkin of your choice, swim pass for the day and a special trick-or-treat goodie bag.

Pre-registration is required for this event and is available online at FriscoFun.org or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln. Registration will close October 14. Registration will be available at the event until 9:45 a.m., if the event is not sold out ahead of time.

Check-in for all ages is at 10:30 a.m. Start times listed below are approximate. Ages 2 1/2 - 4 hunt at 10:50 a.m. in the play pool area. Ages 5 - 6 hunt at 11:05 a.m. in the current channel. Ages 7 - 10* hunt at 11:20 a.m. in the activity pool.

*Children ages 7 to 8 are required to wear a life jacket that will be provided. Life jackets are optional for ages 9 to 10.

Don't forget your camera! Characters dressed in family friendly costumes will be strolling around ready to pose for pictures.

For participants who choose to stay and swim after the event, please note that Indoor Aquatic Center rules require that children younger than the age of seven have an adult in the water actively participating with them at all times.

For more information, contact Sandra Milliken at SMilliken@FriscoTexas.gov or call 972-292-6600.



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